HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Disaster Report

2238. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the World Disaster Report released by the International Federation of Red Cross, as reported in the Statesman, on 3rd July, 2000;

(b) what is the response to the Report citing abandoning of preventive health care responsibility by Government as the reason for emergence of public health disasters; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in India Government spending in this regard has come down to a mere 0.7 per cent of the GDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To provide preventive, promotive and curative health care needs of the people, a comprehensive network of rural health infrastructure comprising 1,37,006 Sub-Centres, 23,179 Primary Health Centres, 2,913 Community Health Centers has been established throughout the country as on 31.12.1998.

Health is a State subject. However, Central Government has been making every effort to mobilise substantial resources from bilateral/multilateral agencies for intensifying the implementation of National Public Health Programmes namely, the control of HIV/ AIDS, Malaria, T.B., Leprosy, Blindness and promotion of Reproductive and Child Health. Besides, for upgrading the rural hospitals in selected States, World Bank assistance has been availed of which would further improve delivery of health services.

(c) According to the World Disaster Report—2000, India spends

just 0.7% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health. However, as per the World Health Report, '1999-Making a Difference' published by WHO, the total health expenditure as a % of GDP for the period around 1995 in India was 5.6% of which 1.2% was from the Public Sector.

AIDS Cases

† 2239. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of AIDS patients have been identified in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and the nature of medical and other facilities being provided to them; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to root out this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise AIDS cases as reported to the Government on 30th June, 2000 are given in the annexed Statement. *(See* below)

The AIDS cases are provided treatment for opportunistic infections free of cost in all Government hospitals without any discrimination.

(c) Govt, of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme, with the following key components:

Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.

- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.